

Town of Rowe - FY 2015
Board of Selectmen – Minutes
Wednesday December 31, 2014 – 1:00 pm
Rowe Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 1:00 pm.

Present: Chair Wilson, Selectman Quist and Administrative Clerk Janice Boudreau
Vice-Chair Susan Gleason via remote participation for a portion of the meeting

Audience: Ron Gordon, Rosie Gordon, Susan Zavotka

Minutes

Minutes of December 17, 2014: Following review, Chair Wilson made a motion to accept the Minutes of December 17, 2014 with corrections. The motion, seconded by Selectman Quist, was accepted. (2/0/1)

Old Business

Remote participation with Vice-Chair Gleason began at 1:05pm

1. Rowe School Building Committee Update: School Building Committee (SBC) Chair Susan Zavotka presented the Select Board with a punch list of 5 items needing resolution at the Rowe Elementary School and explained the progress of how each item is being remedied and who is responsible. Items that were recently resolved were detailed. She said the Contractor DEW was under warranty for one year and had a representative to deal with issues. She presented the final figures of the budget from Owners Project Manager Dan Pallotta of P3 and indicated he was making his last request from MA Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) for reimbursement of school construction and furnishings cost. Dan indicated that there were enough funds to pay outstanding bills. SBC Chair Zavotka said that costs above that would be paid for from grants and the Capital Campaign so there would be no need to ask the Town for additional funds.

Susan Zavotka left the meeting at 1:25pm.

Vice-Chair Gleason ended remote participation at 1:28pm.

New Business

1. Motor Vehicle Refunds Report: Tax Collector presented a Motor Vehicle Refunds Report for Select Board Approval.

Motion to Approve: Chair Wilson made a motion to approve a \$13.59 refund to Sharon and Gary Hudson and \$3.34 to Cynthia Weiss for interest charged in error. The motion, seconded by Selectman Quist, was accepted. (2/0/1)

2. Meeting Concerning Broadband: Chair Wilson reported setting up a meeting with Consultant to FRCOG Joe Markarian, a former Technical Director of the State Division of Local Services and an Attorney who is providing consulting services through FRCOG and will discuss methods of obtaining bonds to finance fiber optic and educating the community about the process. Peter D'Errico who led the effort for Leverett agreed to meet when we ask him and will discuss the pros and cons of the Town obtaining services alone or with a group of towns and the benefits of the Town having fiber optic service.

3. Earned Time and Federal Holidays: Chair Wilson said she planned to revisit Earned Time and how it related to Federal Holidays at the next meeting.

4. Settlement Letter between MA General Attorney's Office and Verizon: Select Board Members reviewed a settlement agreement was reached between the MA General Attorney's Office and Verizon and the Town of Rowe is eligible to receive certain payments for alleged overcharges relating to telecommunications services.

Motion to Request Settlement: Following review Chair Wilson made a motion to sign a settlement agreement between the MA General Attorney's Office and Verizon and the Town of Rowe is to receive certain payments for alleged overcharges relating to telecommunications services and release all claims. The motion, seconded by Selectman Quist , was accepted.
(2/0/1)

5. Shared Resource Position: Chair Wilson reported that Director of Regional Services for FRCOG Bob Dean asked if Rowe would be interested in a shared human resource position that would benefit the town. He will be setting up a meeting in January for the purpose. Following discussion, it was agreed it would be good to participate in the informational session.

Review Warrant : FY15W14 and FY15PW14

Audience of Citizens:

Ron Gordon raised the issue of whether the light on the clock tower could be off during the Summer months for energy conservation and to diminish attraction of insects. In addition, a culvert on Hazelton Road was discussed.

Adjournment:

Seeing no further business, Chair Wilson made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 2:25p.m. The motion, seconded by Selectman Quist, was accepted. (2/0/1)

Respectfully Submitted,

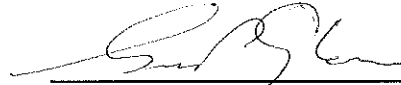
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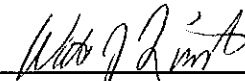
Approval Date:

2.4.15

Approved:


Marilyn Wilson, Chair


Susan Gleason, Vice-Chair


Walter J. Quist, Selectman

Attachments:

- Agenda 12/31/14
- Town of Rowe Motor Vehicle Refunds Report
- MA Atty. General's Office, Verizon and the Town of Rowe (4 pages)
- Punch List Rowe Elementary School – presented by Susan Zavotka
- MIIA Request Detail for 12/31/14 – Final Reimbursement Request by P3 (2 pages)